Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
)	
Comcast Cable Communications, LLC)	
Order Setting Basic Equipment)	CSB-A-0733
and Installation Rates)	
Grapevine TX (TX0775))	

ORDER

Adopted: January 18, 2006 Released: January 20, 2006

By the Deputy Chief, Policy Division, Media Bureau:

- 1. On February 17, 2005, Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, on behalf of Comcast of Illinois/Texas, Inc. ("Comcast"), filed this appeal of a local rate order adopted by the City Council of the City of Grapevine, Texas (the "City") on January 18, 2005. Earlier, Comcast had challenged the City's certification to regulate Comcast's rates. Specifically, on September 3, 2004, Comcast filed a petition asserting that it was subject to effective competition in Grapevine. The Commission recently granted Comcast's petition, finding that Comcast faced effective competition in Grapevine.
- 2. The Communications Act provides that, where effective competition is absent, cable rates for the Basic Service Tier are subject to regulation by franchising authorities such as the City.⁴ The Commission's finding of effective competition in Grapevine, however, revoked the City's certification to regulate Comcast's BST rates⁵ and thus exempted Comcast from the City's rate regulation.⁶
- 3. The Commission, when it grants a cable operator's petition for a finding of effective competition, has recognized the filing date of the petition as the date on which the cable operator was subject to effective competition.⁷ We do so here. Therefore, since September 3, 2004, the City has lacked

⁵ Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, supra n.3, at ¶ 16.

¹ Ordinance No. 2005-03, which is Attachment A to Comcast's Appeal of Local Rate Order.

² Petition for Special Relief, filed by Comcast in CSR 6397-E.

³ Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, DA 05-3328 (rel. Dec. 28, 2005), available at 2005 WL 3543449.

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 543(a)(2).

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. § 76.905(a).

⁷ Comcast Cable of Dallas, L.P., DA 05-3127 at ¶ 3 (rel. Dec. 1, 2005); Mediacom Minnesota, LLC, DA 05-2637 at ¶ 4 (rel. Oct. 3, 2005); Alert Cable T.V. of North Carolina, Inc., 19 FCC Rcd 80, 81 (2004) ¶ 5; Rifkin & Associates, Inc., 17 FCC Rcd 14233, 14234 (2002) ¶ 5.

authority to regulate Comcast's rates in Grapevine. The City's January 18, 2005, rate order with respect to Comcast is without force or effect.

- 4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the appeal of Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, on behalf of Comcast of Illinois/Texas, Inc., from the January 18, 2005, rate order issued by the City Council of the City of Grapevine, Texas, **IS GRANTED** to the extent indicated herein and the local rate order **IS HEREBY VACATED AND SET ASIDE**.
- 5. This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated by Section 0.283 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. \S 0.283.

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